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Summer '84: Reagan is so much the political and cultural hero to Chandler that he can muster only the bitterly vituperative in his review of this Harvard University Press book. In the brief space of 24 lines Chandler manages to cram in 18 words of berating abuse. He pontifically characterizes

the book as "uninformed," "intolerant," "distorted," "inconsistent," "contradictory," "unworthy of anyone holding a respectable academic position" and a "disgrace to a respectable university press." To this he manages to crowd in further execration: "Unwarranted value judgments," "Neither fair nor just in analysis . . disappointing." "The work," he concludes, "is smug, a sterile smear."

I have not read Dallek's book, but as a long-time FRHer I feel strongly that Religious Humanism must owe its readers a review of this book that, however critical it might have to be, breathes less of the obviously biased and passionately fanatical.

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